***How Do Quotes Influence Your Thinking?***

*In most science-based current events, you’ll find quotes from experts or people involved in the event designed to shape the way that you think about the topic being discussed. Good readers learn to think carefully about these quotes before making up their mind on a controversial topic. They ask themselves WHO is this expert and WHY should I trust – or doubt – what they are saying. Use this handout to guide your thinking about the experts quoted in one of our Current Science magazines.*

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| ***List the quotes included in this current event.*** | ***Who is the person this quote is attributed to?*** *What do you know about them? What makes them an expert on this topic? Is there any reason to doubt this expert? Would they have any reason to “stretch the truth” about this topic?* | ***Why do you think the author decided to include this quote in the article?*** *What key point or main idea are they trying to support with the quote?* | ***What impact did this quote have on you?*** *Did it make you feel differently about the topic? Did it reinforce your own feelings – or convince you to change your mind – about the topic?*  |
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